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- 1. CYPRIOT EMBASSY CHARGE ANGELIDES CALLED ON DEPARTMENT (EUR/SE) FEB 14 TO CONVEY VIEWS OF CYPRUS GOVERNMENT ON RESULTS MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING WITH WALDHEIM.
- 2. ANGELIDES READ TEXT OF FOUR POINTS AGREED UPON AS GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. HE THEN SAID MAKARIOS FELT MEETING WITH DENKTASH HAD LED TO SOME PROCONFIDENTIAL

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GRESS, BUT THAT RESULT WAS NOT SATISFACTORY FROM MANY STANDPOINTS: CYPRIOT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD ADDITIONAL DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER DENKTASH OR TURKS HAVE GENUINELY CHANGED THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS, OR BEEN SIMPLY FOLLOWING SOME NEW TACTIC. CYPRIOT MFA WAS ALSO UNHAPPY WITH SOME OF DENKTASH STATEMENTS FOLLOWING MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY HIS REMARK THAT 12-18 MONTHS NEEDED TO

REACH SOLUTION.

3. ANGELIDES SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE, GIVEN DENKTASH' INSISTENCE ON LONG HIATUS PRECEDING

INTERCOMMUNAL ROUND, WHY DID TURKS NEED UNTIL MARCH 31 TO GET THEIR POSITIONS READY? THIS DELAY MADE IT DOUBLY IMPORTANT THAT CLIFFORD MISSION FOCUS ON THE TWO MAIN ISSUES, I.E. TERRITORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. MUCH BACKSTAGE WORK WOULD BE REQUIRED, HE SAID, TO ASSURE THAT NEGOTIATORS WOULD BE ABLE TO SAY SOMETHING MEANINGFUL ON THESE POINTS AT VIENNA; IF THEY DID NOT, ENTIRE EXERCISE WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY WASTED MOTION. VANCE

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